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1. On 11 February 1953 WOLFGANG SPILLER in Wiesbaden. 2. Edwin Hugo  
born at Eschert, Germany, on 16 January 1907, the Export Manager of Ind. A.  
(Industriellen Maschinen-Fabrikation), currently living at Via Sottopavullo 11,  
Calabagno 87120, applied for a passport via to the U. S. for the  
purpose of conducting business with the National Laboratories Ind. of Syracuse,  
New York. 3. Exporting document from the President of the I. A. D. Firm,  
Georg Hermann LAMBERTS NOT ACCREDITED, noted that SPILLER had been  
instructed by the firm to leave him as soon as possible for a business  
trip to South America, the U. S., Japan, Philippines and Indonesia, and  
that he must pass through the U. S. in transit on the only flying route  
from South America to Manila.

2. In his visa application, BRITZ listed his past residences as: Berlin and Berlin, Germany, from 1934 to 1937; Barmen, Germany, for six months to 1937; Berlin from 1937 to 1938; Berlin from 1938 to 1951; Berlin from 1951 to 1959; Hamburg, Germany, from 1959 to 1961; Berlin from 1961 to 1967; Bonn, West, the German Embassy from 1968 to 1971; Berlin from 1963 to 1967; and Bonn from 1966 to date. BRITZ sold his valued collection, Presser, Ballard, England, Germany, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, and Paraguay since 1970.

3. GEORGE's wife is WILHELMINE, Daughter of Van Schaepghout II, born 1871. GEORGE said that he has three children in Germany and two in New York. GEORGE said that he was in the German Army in 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918 and 1919 and was in the Pacific Northwest for the last three years 1919-1922.

4. The Visa Interviewing Officers noted that SPILLER was very frank about his part and that SPILLER appeared to be sincere in attempting to build a new life in the business world. Past Nazi party activities, according to the new visa regulations, are no longer grounds for visa refusal.

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5. A file check brought out references, and [ ] told the Visa Section to hold the case pending clarification of certain information (especially in regard to CIB-272 re illegal drug traffic, of which no copies were retained in Rome). On 16 February 1953 the Visa Section told SPALIER that his visa could not be issued immediately, and SPALIER replied that since his business was pending, he would check with the Visa Section again on 19 February, and if not issued the visa on that date he would continue on to Caracas, Venezuela and apply for the U. S. visa there.
6. In view of this development, [ ] told the Visa Section to have the Department refer the case to CIB Headquarters when SPALIER applies at Caracas. All Rome information of SPALIER previously has gone on to Headquarters (see references).
7. On 13 February 1953 [ ] reported that a regular Italian police investigation of SPALIER had revealed no adverse information.
8. Headquarters' attention is called to TIBS-1763, in which it was mentioned that any information concerning ALFREDO MARTO, the Director General of I.R.O., should be submitted to Headquarters in connection with operations in Italy. MARTO made trips to the U. S. in March-May 1950, March-August 1951 and November-December 1951. MARTO's latest visa application was on 8 February 1952 and the Rome Visa Section sent MARTO a letter of acceptance on 21 February 1952. MARTO never returned to receive this visa, however, and Visa Section files still list the case as pending.
9. TIBS-1763 noted further that the U.S.S.R. had made repeated attempts to obtain production manufacturing equipment, being primarily interested in the RUBENSTEIN operator, which was described by British and American scientists as being a potential factor in the production of biological warfare compounds. One of the references listed by ALFRED RUBENSTEIN in Cover of RUBENSTEIN was RUBENSTEIN Ltd. 70-71 East Ohio Street, Chicago 11, Illinois. Other references, besides the British Laboratories Ltd. and RUBENSTEIN Ltd. were Pharmaceutical and Chemical Industry Supply Corp., Division of American Italian Corp., 16 Hudson Street, New York 13, N.Y.; S. L. Lando & Co. Inc., 199 Main Street, Ltd., N.J.; Continental Petroleum Corporation, 200 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.; and Halliburton Chemical Works, 70-76 Gold Street, New York 8, N. Y.

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